

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 The present invention relates to a witness system
that takes advantage of EDI (electronic data exchange)
to perform efficient distribution and account
settlement (accounting) processes between selling and
buying companies. The present invention also provides
a system ensuring information safety and offers
account settlement (accounting) processes utilizing
10 said witness system. A buying company's computer 5
makes documents according, illustratively, to delivery
vouchers or order vouchers, and sends said documents
to a selling company's computer 6 via a notarization
authority 7. The selling company compares
15 authentication documents so transmitted with,
illustratively, delivery vouchers or order vouchers
that the selling company itself has issued, and, after
checking for substantive errors and determining that
the contents of said documents are correct, executes
20 a confirmation response with respect to the
notarization authority. The notarization authority
registers said documents in the witness server's 8
receipts detail table 20 and notifies buying company
and selling company that the notarization authority
25 has authenticated (said documents). This structure

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- 5 makes possible the making of accurate detailed payment statements when, for example, a detailed payment statement is made or a funds transfer is executed based on confirmed data. Furthermore, the checking of said detailed payment statement by a buying company and a selling company is made simpler through reference to the above-described witness system server 8.

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